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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,6-8 and 11 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 2-5,9 and 10 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 January 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Song(U.S. Pat. No. 5,561,648).

Regarding claim 1, Song discloses a first body(fig 2, 52), a second body for supporting or comprising the optical lens(fig 2, 43), an elastic suspension system for suspending the second body from the first body(fig 2, 44), which suspension system has a portion connected to the first body and another portion connected to the second body and has a functional length extending between said two portions(fig 4); a driving unit for driving the second body with regard to the first body(fig 2, 91-94, 56-59) and an adjusting unit for adjusting the functional length of the elastic suspension system (fig 2, 104).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 6-8, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Song(U.S. Pat. No. 5,561,648) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Haruguchi et al.(U.S. Pat. No. 5,940,227).

Regarding claim 6, Song does not disclose the elastic suspension system is a linear suspension system, infact song does not disclose if the elastic system is linear or non linear. However, Haruguchi et al. discloses the elastic suspension system is a linear suspension system(abstract). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to use a linear suspension system as shown by Haruguchi et al., with the optical pickup of Song since as shown by Haruguchi et al. a linear suspension system is commonly used with optical pickups so as to allow for elastic support which is more easily controlled positioning.

Regarding claim 7, 8, Song discloses the suspension system is a pair of wire or blade spring(fig 2, 44).

Regarding claim 11, Song discloses an optical recording and/or reproducing apparatus(fig 5).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-5, 9, 10 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable features being the specifics of the pickup device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy J. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2342. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 6:00 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mack Ricky can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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